

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and continued examination of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

Applicant incorporates by reference herein the arguments set forth in the Amendment After Final filed June 30, 2008. The arguments will not be repeated in order to avoid repetition.

By way of this amendment, the previously withdrawn claims, namely claims 13-20, have also been canceled. Paragraph [0055] of the present application has been amended to include SEQ ID NO: 33 for identifying the sequence recited therein. The Sequence Listing has also been amended to include SEQ ID NO: 33. No new questions of patentability should arise from this amendment, nor does the amendment necessitate any further searching on the part of the Examiner. The amendment places the application in condition for allowance. At a minimum, the amendment places the application in a better condition for appeal.

The information recorded in computer readable form of the Sequence Listing for the above-referenced patent application is identical to the written sequences described in the application as filed. The computer readable form of the sequence listing is understood to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.821-1.825. Also enclosed is a computer print-out of the sequence listing. The Applicants note that this amendment adds the computer print-out version of the sequence listing.

Accordingly, no questions of new matter should arise and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.821

The sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form submitted herewith is identical to that set forth in the paper copy of the sequence listing submitted herewith. No new matter is introduced by this submission or by the amendment to the specification.

Interview Summary

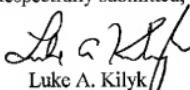
Applicant's representative appreciates the courtesies extended by the Examiner during the interview of July 16, 2008. During the interview, the Examiner indicated that the sequence appearing in paragraph [0055] of the application should be included in the Sequence Listing and should have a SEQ ID NO. The Examiner also indicated that the non-elected claims (claims 13-20) should be canceled. The Examiner stated that the claims are otherwise in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the present application and a timely allowance of the pending claims.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0925. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and should also be charged to said Deposit Account.

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